

# **White Plains**

## **Up to the Minute...**

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The latest news from the City of White Plains.

## **Stay Informed With White Plains ALERTS**

**White Plains ALERTS is the City's Community notification system. We use it to help us communicate with residents and businesses during emergency situations as well as to relay important community related information. Traditionally, this system has relied on land lines as the primary means of contacting residents and businesses. However, as we know, there are times when service to our land lines can be disrupted. For that reason the City of White Plains is encouraging residents and businesses to enroll their mobile phone numbers and e-mail addresses in White Plains ALERTS to ensure we can reach you even if your land line is not in service.**

**This system is used to communicate important information to residents and businesses during emergencies or impending events that may require residents to prepare or take other actions. White Plains ALERTS may also be used during area power failures, severe storms or other unusual events. The system is a tool for the City to disseminate factual information, provide notification of available resources, or to communicate the need to take emergency actions.**

**When you sign up you will also have the option to choose to receive occasional non-emergency General Notifications about changes to City services (for example, garbage pick-up schedule changes). Register today at the [White Plains ALERTS enrollment page!](#)**

## GEDNEY RECYCLING YARD

It's Wednesday. You're finishing up your second cup of coffee and are on your way to work when suddenly you realize you forgot that it's recycling pick up day! Now your bin will be overflowing until next Wednesday rolls around, right? Wrong. If you accidentally miss the pick up day, or if there is no pick up scheduled due to a holiday, you can always stop off at the Gedney Recycling Yard located at 87 Gedney Way. The Gedney Yard is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday and offers a variety of recycling related services for White Plains residents.

***Electronics and Metals:*** *As of January 1, 2015 New York State has mandated that all small electronics must be recycled.* If you're looking to get rid of small electronics like keyboards, monitors, hard drives, and TVs, the Gedney Yard will take them off your hands. Don't throw them away with your trash — our sanitation crews are no longer allowed to pick them up. The Yard is also the only place in White Plains where you can recycle metal items such as pots, pans, kitchen utensils, and wire hangers.

***For the Gardener:*** The Gedney Recycling Yard is a great place to go if you like to garden, because it offers White Plains residents free mulch, wood chips, compost, and even un-split firewood. While you're there picking up supplies you can also drop off leaves, grass clippings, and small cuttings.

***TiLi Shed:*** If you have household items to donate, the Gedney Yard can help with that too. The Take It or Leave It (TiLi) shed, a collaboration between the City and EcoNeighbors, is open from April through October on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Residents can leave usable household items at the TiLi shed for others to take and take items that others have left.

***Textile Recycling:*** A more recent addition to the Gedney Recycling Yard is our textile recycling program. Did you know that almost 85% of used textiles end up in landfills each year? By bringing your old clothing, drapes, linens, and footwear, to the Gedney Recycling Yard, you can ensure that these textiles will be reused, rather than dumped in a landfill.

***FAQ: Fluorescent Lightbulbs.*** We often get questions from residents about whether the Recycling Yard will accept fluorescent lightbulbs. Unfortunately, the answer is No. Fluorescent lightbulbs contain mercury and the Gedney Yard cannot accept them. However, you can dispose of them at local Home Depot and Lowe's stores, as well as the Westchester County Household Material Recovery Facility in Valhalla.

***Save the Date: It's Back!! The Department of Public Works will once again host its Annual Truck Day at the Gedney Recycling Yard on Saturday, May 16th! A Great Day of Hands-On Fun for the Kids!***

Gedney Recycling Yard

***Did You Know?***  
The Declaration of Independence was approved by the New York Provincial Congress on July 9, 1776 in White Plains at the Armory building on what is now South Broadway.

# Merchant Spotlight: Vino 100

If you're not a connoisseur (and let's face, most of us are not), buying wine can be an intimidating task. With so many different brands and varietals, it's easy to feel lost when browsing the aisles. At Vino 100 you can leave your wine worries at the door and shop like a connoisseur. Chances are very good that you'll be pleased with your purchase and that you'll find yourself visiting this locally owned wine shop again and again. Vino 100 specializes in small production wines at all price categories, provides customers with a welcoming atmosphere, as well as friendly and knowledgeable staff. The store has been a staple for White Plains wine lovers since its opening in 2005, and has recently moved from East Post Road to its new home at 171 Mamaroneck Avenue. What sets Vino 100 apart from other wine stores is its emphasis on affordable everyday wines. As a board member of the White Plains Business Improvement District, owner Stuart Levine is vested in our community. According to Levine, since Vino 100 is a small business he and his employees happily have the chance to "get to know the customers" and their primary goal is to "gear the business towards the needs of the community." Vino 100 is open Monday - Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, 12:00 Noon - 5:00 p.m.

## Notify Me!

**Notify Me is the online notification system used by the City of White Plains to keep residents and businesses informed about city news, events, programs and important meetings. Signing up is quick and easy. Just go to the City of White Plains website, [www.cityofwhiteplains.com](http://www.cityofwhiteplains.com), and click "Notify Me" on the home page. Type in your email address and select the items you wish to receive notifications about, including news alerts, Common Council meeting agendas and city boards and commissions meeting notifications and agendas. You can choose to receive notifications via e-mail and/or text message. You can decide which notifications you would like to subscribe to with the click of a button! And, you may unsubscribe from any notification at any time. The only information necessary is your e-mail address and/or mobile phone number. Sign up for Notify Me today, and be in the know!**

## White Plains Celebrates Earth Day on April 18

The City of White Plains will once again celebrate Earth Day with its annual **Sustain White Plains** event on Saturday, April 18 from Noon - 4:00 p.m. in downtown White Plains. This is a free and fun event for the whole family that will feature storytellers, interactive vendors, exciting entertainment, great food and more. For the second year Earth Day celebrants can also enjoy a free film screening. This year's film will be DisneyNature's *Monkey Kingdom*. The film will be shown at City Center to 400 moviegoers. Visit the City of White Plains website, [www.cityofwhiteplains.com](http://www.cityofwhiteplains.com), and click "Our Community/Parades and Festivals" for more information.

## Our 3rd Annual Shoe Recycling Initiative

The City of White Plains is challenging residents to clean out their closets and donate their gently used shoes to a City wide shoe recycling effort as part of the City's celebration of Earth Day.

This is the third year the City will undertake a shoe collection and recycling drive. In the past two years, local businesses, religious organizations, neighborhood associations and schools collected over 12,000 pairs of shoes that were diverted from the waste stream and went on to find a new life where they are greatly needed. The City has once again partnered with Soles for Souls ([www.soles4souls.org](http://www.soles4souls.org)) on this recycling initiative.

Donating your shoes couldn't be easier. Collection boxes are conveniently located in these city buildings for drop off during regular business hours:

- City Hall: 255 Main Street
- Library: 100 Martine Avenue
- Youth Bureau: 11 Amherst Place
- Gillie Recreation Center: 11 Gedney Way
- Ebersole Skating Rink: 110 Lake Street

The White Plains School District will once again be partnering with the City to aid in our recycling efforts. Families with children in the public schools will also be able to drop off shoes at the Soles for Souls drop boxes located in each school building.

Shoes will be sorted over the weekend of April 18th at Ebersole Ice Rink.

Spring is coming; so clean out those closets and do something for our environment at the same time.

